

REMARKS

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Lai (US 6,731,340).

Claims 1-5, 9, and 29-31 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verstockt et al. (US 6,239,841) in view of Lai (US 6,731,340).

Claims 6-8, 12-14, and 32-35 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner has indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 11, 16-19, 21-26, 28, and 36-48 are allowed.

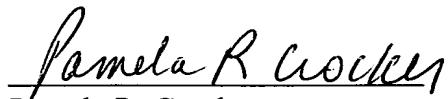
By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6 and all of the limitations of the intervening claims. Claims 2-6 have been cancelled, and claims 7, 8, and 12 have been amended to depend on amended claim 1. In addition, claim 29 has amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 32 and the limitations of intervening claim 31. Claims 31 and 32 have been cancelled.

It is believed that the claims in the application are allowable over the prior art and such allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

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